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SUBJECT:CSCE: STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS ON EVENING OF JULY 9

FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

1. AGREEMENT ON A LATE-JULY CSCE SUMMIT REMAINS BLOCKED BY ACTIONS OF SMALLER STATES -- ESPECIALLY MALTA AND ROMANIA -- WHICH REFUSE TO JOIN CONSENSUS ON CERTAIN ISSUES UNTIL THEY RECEIVE SATISFACTION ON QUESTIONS OF PRIMARY INTEREST TO THEM.

2. IT THUS PROVED IMPOSSIBLE FOR COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO AGREE TODAY ON STAGE III MEETING BEGINNING JULY 29, WHEN MALTA BLOCKED CONSENSUS ON A FINAL COMPROMISE TEXT ON FOLLOW-UP. THE MALTESE INDICATED THAT DOM MINTOFF WOULD SEND A SPECIAL ENVOY TO GENEVA TO PIN DOWN A COMPROMISE
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MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION AND THAT UNTIL THIS WAS

ACCOMPLISHED, MALTA WOULD PREVENT AGREEMENT ON FOLLOW-UP. THIS ACTION PROMPTED ROMANIANS TO BLOCK REGISTRATION OF QRR TEXT. FAILURE TO REGISTER QRR AS WELL AS "PEACEFUL CHANGE" FORMULATION (ALSO BLOCKED BY ROMANIA) CAUSED FRG

DELEGATION TO OPPOSE ANY EXPLICIT TARGET DATE FOR STAGE III.

3. DESPITE ABOVE LINKAGE, FRUSTRATING EFFORTS TO GAIN AGREEMENT ON MOST REMAINING ISSUES, CANADIANS TODAY SPEARHEADED ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT A COMPROMISE ON TIMING, WHEN THEY FORMALLY TABLED A PROPOSAL CALLING FOR: (A) COORDINATING COMMITTEE ACTION TO DECLARE JULY 30 AS A TARGET DATE FOR OPENING OF STAGE III; (B) INTENSIFICATION OF EFFORTS BY ALL PARTIES TO COMPLETE SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS ON ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES BY JULY 15, WHEN STAGE III TARGET DATE WOULD BE CONFIRMED; AND (C) FLEXIBILITY BY FINLAND IN HOLDING TO JULY 30 TARGET DATE ON UNDERSTANDING THAT FINANCIAL AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS ACCRUING TO FINLAND AS A RESULT OF SUMMIT PREPARATIONS WOULD BE SHARED PRO RATA BY ALL CSCE PARTICIPANT STATES.

4. US DELEGATION IS SUPPORTING CANADIAN PROPOSAL WHILE AVOIDING FLAT COMMITMENT TO PRECISE DATE AND THEREBY REMAINING IN STEP WITH EC NINE ON TIMING QUESTION.

5. FINNISH DELEGATION TOLD COORDINATING COMMITTEE THAT HELSINKI WOULD AGREE TO KEEP OPEN UNTIL TOMORROW THE POSSIBILITY OF STARTING STAGE III ON JULY 30.

6. MEANWHILE, FRG FONOFF TELLS US IT HAS LEARNED FROM TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO BONN THAT CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL SANCAR, RECOMMENDED TO ANKARA UPON COMPLETION OF HIS VISIT TO FRG THAT TURKEY AGREE TO 250 KMS. NOTIFICATION ZONE FOR CBM ON MANEUVERS. WE ARE TRYING TO OBTAIN FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THIS POTENTIALLY IMPORTANT SHIFT IN TURKISH POSITION.

7. US DELEGATION BELIEVES THERE IS SLIGHTLY BETTER THAN 50-50 CHANCE FOR REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE JULY 30 TARGET

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